

**SB 5977 - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Authorizes the "we love our pets" license plate.

Creates the we love our pets account in the custody of the state treasurer.

Provides that funds in the account must be disbursed subject to the following conditions and limitations: (1) Pursuant to the requirements set out in RCW 46.16.765, the department must contract with a qualified nonprofit organization to support and to enable the Washington federation of animal welfare and control agencies to promote and perform spay/neuter surgery of Washington state pets, in order to reduce pet overpopulation.

(2) For the purposes of this act, a "qualified nonprofit organization" means a not-for-profit corporation incorporated and operating exclusively in Washington that has received a determination of tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code. The organization must have been established for the express purpose of assisting local member agencies of the federation of animal welfare and control agencies to promote and perform spay/neuter surgery on Washington state pets, in order to reduce pet overpopulation.

Provides that the qualified nonprofit organization must meet all requirements set out in RCW 46.16.765.